

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE BUILDING INSPECTOR TO REPAIR OR DEMOLISH THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION AND DIRECTING THAT A NOTICE BE PLACED THEREON THAT THE SAME MAY NOT BE OCCUPIED UNTIL REPAIRED, OR THAT THE STRUCTURE BE DEMOLISHED.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City finds that the property described herein is unfit for human habitation under the local and state codes, and that all of the provisions of said codes have been met as a condition of the adoption of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, said structure should be repaired to meet the requirements of the Code or demolished as directed by the Building Inspector, and should be placarded by placing thereon a notice prohibiting use for human habitation; and

WHEREAS, the owners of said structure has been given a reasonable opportunity to bring the premises up to the standards of the subject codes in accordance and pursuant to an order issued by the Building Inspector on Dec 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012; and the owner has failed to comply with said order;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City that:

Section 1. The Building Inspector is hereby directed to post on the building at 1015 W. Church St a sign containing the legend:

"This building is unfit for human habitation; the use or occupancy of this building for  
Human habitation is prohibited and unlawful."

Section 2. The Building Inspector is hereby authorized and directed to proceed to repair or demolish the above-described structure in accordance with his order to the owner thereof dated Dec 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and after abatement, then charge the property owners for all expenses incurred, including any accrued interest after the initial billing.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or cause to be removed said placard from any building to which it is affixed. It shall likewise be unlawful for any person to occupy or to permit the occupancy of any building herein declared to be unfit for human habitation.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013.

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Joseph Peel  
Mayor, City of Elizabeth City

ATTEST:

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Dianne Pierce-Tamplen, MMC  
City Clerk